




REMARKS

Claims 1 - 9, 11 -13, 15 - 20, 22 - 24 and 26 are pending. Claims 1 to 7 and 13 - 19 are allowed. Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 20, 22-24 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 251 on grounds of improper recapture of subject matter surrendered during prosecution of the application for the patent upon which the present reissue is based.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the rejection. However, to place the application in condition for allowance, claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 20, 22-24 and 26 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, the present applicant including claims 1 - 7 and 13 -19 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully urged.

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